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Brown Bag Lecture Will Commemorate Scottish Influence in Utah

On April 6, 1320, Scotland was recognized as an independent nation. On April 6, 2006, which is National Tartan Day in the United States, the Utah Division of State History/Utah State Historical Society will hold a special program to commemorate the history of Scots in Utah.

Dr. Fred S. Buchanan will give a brown-bag lecture on “The Mark of the Scots in Utah.” He will discuss how Scots have left an imprint on the social, physical, economic, cultural, and religious landscapes of the state. He will also address traditional stereotypes—such as Scots’ supposed clannishness—and show, through the stories of actual individuals, how inaccurate stereotyping can be.

Dr. Buchanan taught the history of education at the University of Utah for 26 years and is now a professor emeritus. A published author on the history of education and the settlement of Scots in Utah, he has received awards from the Mormon History Association and the John Whitmer Society for his research and writing.

The lecture will be held at 12:00 noon in the Zephyr Room of the Rio Grande Depot, 300 S. Rio Grande St., Salt Lake City. For more information, call 801/533-3500.

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